

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP AND THE  
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.  
MAG Office Building, Cholla Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Tami Ryall, Gilbert, Chair, Regional Bicycle Task Force and Acting Chair of the Pedestrian Working Group	^Steve Hancock, Glendale
*Bruce Meyers, ADOA Gen. Services	*Farhad Tavassoli, Goodyear
Michael Sanders, ADOT	*Michael Cartsonis, Litchfield Park
*Brian Fellows, ADOT	Peggy Rubach, Maricopa County
*Michael Eagan, ASLA, Arizona Chapter	Brandon Forrey, Peoria
Margaret Boone-Pixley, Avondale	*Katherine Coles, Phoenix
*Thomas Chlebanowski, Buckeye	Chris Turner for Srinivas Goundla, Phoenix
*Michael Normand, Chandler	Randi Alcott, RPTA
*Bill Lazenby, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists	Reed Kempton, Scottsdale
*Mark Smith, El Mirage	Eric Iwersen, Tempe
	Lance Ferrell, Surprise

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Coffman, Coffman Studio

1. Call to Order

Tami Ryall called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

2. Approval of the June 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group and the Regional Bicycle Task Force

Randi Alcott moved to approve and Reed Kempton seconded the move to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle Task Force and Pedestrian Working Group for June 19, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of

MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public were requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes was provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items were given an opportunity at the time the item was heard.

There were no members of the public were present.

4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Maureen DeCindis reminded the committee that bicycle facility updates for the new bike map were due August 22, 2007 and that the Design Assistance Applications were due on August 28, 2007.

Randi Alcott updated the committee on the 2008 Safety Education program. There was a sub-committee meeting last week that discussed educational components such as an on-going “train the trainer” program and adding bike safety rodeo kits for city staff. There would also be more helmets available to give away to children.

5. Recommendation for Approval of the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan

The committee members were asked to recommend for approval the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan.

Jim Coffman reported that the comments referring to MAG and ADOT policies about freeways and connecting bikeways were added. The summary was expanded to include all the policy and recommendations. Margaret Boone-Pixley asked if a jurisdiction would have to abide by this plan before receiving funding. Jim Coffman responded that there is a project evaluation that might be used in evaluating projects for funding. Peggy Rubach moved to recommend the MAG Regional Bikeway Master Plan for approval and Reed Kempton seconded the motion.

6. Discussion of Ideas for the MAG Regional Bikeways Map

Maureen DeCindis reported that MAG member agencies have received official notice on the update process of the MAG Regional Bikeways map. Committee members were asked to submit ideas for the back of the map.

Reed Kempton suggested that the bike map go on both sides of the map so that the bikeways are easier to read. The odd shape should allow space for bike education and safety tips. There are routes that the County has that could then be depicted. Brandon Forrey suggested that the empty space within parts of the county could incorporate photos. Peggy Rubach asked if planned facilities would be put on the map. Tami Ryall responded that the bike map only reflects existing facilities. Reed Kempton said that the bike lanes and paved shoulders could be the same color. The county and the state will identify all paved shoulders.

Peggy Rubach suggested an insert that describes bike on bus and bike on rail information and illustrate the actual route with the park and ride lots along the rail line. Tami Ryall suggested that each jurisdiction submit a photo of their favorite destinations. The photos would have a number identification associated with the location on the map.

Reed Kempton suggested that popular undesignated routes are doing a disfavor to bicyclists. These should be eliminated from the MAG map. All members agreed.

Safety tips: If space is an issue, use a smaller version. Eric Iwersen said that Tempe will send over a new set of safety tips that are much smaller than the current ones.

Tami Ryall would like to review the MAG language section to include Prop 400 language that indicates all transportation options have multi-modal component. Peggy Rubach suggested eliminating that the intermittent water feature.

Reed Kempton asked if the design of the map could be made so that the final fold yielded for a slender design. The committee requested to review a mock-up of the map.

#### 7. Discussion of MAG Design Assistance Program New Requirements

The committee members were asked to discuss the issue of using funds from the Design Assistance Program to pay for the cost of the environmental process in future projects. The new program requirement is: "All projects designed within the MAG Design Assistance Program are using federal funds and therefore are required to be constructed. If a project is not constructed, the federal funds must be paid back. If Federal funds are used to construct the project, jurisdictions must engage in the NEPA process prior to 30% design."

Chris Turner reported that Phoenix has used these design assistance grants for phase I design of projects that usually do not have construction funding identified. One suggestion would be to connect the design assistance grant to those projects already accepted for Enhancements funding. Tami Ryall suggested that this is an option for all cities to do.

Reed Kempton noted that all Scottsdale path projects are too large for this design program. However, there is a pedestrian project that may be submitted for this year. Tami Ryall suggested that this program is very good for getting public input on the design of projects. Peggy Rubach agreed that the design assistance grant provides a good stakeholder input element.

Tami Ryall noted that these funds do not do feasibility studies. Eric Iwersen sees the design assistance program as innovative, allowing jurisdictions to try new and different projects. Alternatives analysis are acceptable.

There was a discussion about ADOT's new approach for a process for self administration without being self-certified to make local government process mirror the enhancement process. The environmental process can take 18 months. The committee agreed that the design assistance funds should only be used for design not for the environmental process.

8. Next Meetings

All meetings will be on Tuesday in the Cholla Room at 1:30 p.m.

September 18, 2007

October 16, 2007

October 23, 2007 (optional)

November 20, 2007

December 18, 2007 NOON